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PRODUCTION OF SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugarcane production in the current season is likely to be 280 MT against a target of 300 MT;

(b) if so, the reasons for this shortfall; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure higher production next year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): According to the Second Advance Estimates as on 22-1-2002, the production of Sugarcane in 2001-02 is estimated to be 295 million tonnes against a target of 325 million tonnes.

(b): The shortfall in production of Sugarcane during 2001-02 is mainly because of moisture stress experienced in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra during the monsoon season.

(c): The production of Sugarcane shows a long-term upward trend, albeit with fluctuations. However, in order to improve the performance of the agriculture sector including production of sugarcane, the Government have launched various new initiatives such as promotion of watershed development programmes, emphasis on developing and promoting new technologies, measures for increasing availability of agricultural credit, Market Information Network and National Agriculture Insurance Scheme etc.Besides, the Government also encourage farmers to increase production through implementing a price policy which ensures remunerative prices to the growers of major agricultural commodities including sugarcane so as to provide them incentives for undertaking increased investment in agriculture.